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Comfort Food

When the leaves turn colours and frost begins to appear on our windshields, we tend to start to think of warm homes, heavier clothes and comfort foods.

Our November dinner will be just that - all about comfort foods. The ladies will be serving up an array of goodies - see the advert below.

Certainly should be no reason to leave the table hungry after all those choices.

Irondale's Annual November Dinner
Nov 9, 2019
Irondale Community Centre
5pm - $20 pp
Chicken & Dumplings Beef Stew
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On the first day ...

God created the dog and said. "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years."
The dog said. "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?" So God agreed.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said. "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty -year life span." The monkey said. "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the Dog did?" And God agreed.

On the third day, God created the cow and said. "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years." The cow said. "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?" God agreed again.

On the fourth day, God created man and said: "Eat, sleep, play, and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years." But man said. "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"
"Okay." Said God. "You asked for it."

So that is why -
- our first twenty years we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves ... the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family ... next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandkids ... and our last ten years we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone!

Special Feature—Canada in the Second World War

We have been very fortunate to be given permission to print one soldier's first hand account of his First World War experience. His writing will be featured in the next couple issues of this newsletter.

Wesley Alkenbrack was born on a farm just west of Napanee, as the First World War was drawing to a close. Wesley enlisted as a young man of 22, in the 32/43 Field Regiment , R.C.A. on June 8, 1940. He served overseas with the 34th Field Regiment R.C.A.

Wes landed at Bernieres-sur-Mer, Normandy, France on June 6, 1944, part of Operation Neptune, the first Allied amphibious assault wave to establish Allied Forces in Normandy. The boots and uniform that he wore during this landing all survived, as did his mess kit and duffel bag. The boots have been restored by a conservator, and although the soles are well worn, the boots themselves are in good condition considering the action they saw.

The Normandy invasion began with overnight parachute and glider landings, air attacks and naval bombardments. In the early morning hours, amphibious landings on five beaches, code named Juno, Gold, Omaha, Utah, & Sword, were underway. During the evening the remaining elements of the parachute divisions landed. The "D-Day" forces deployed from bases along the south coast of England.

Allied forces rehearsed their roles for D-Day months before the invasion. Operation Overlord was the code name for the Allied invasion of northwest Europe. The assault phase of Operation Overlord was known as Operation Neptune. Operation Neptune began on D-Day (6 June 1944) and ended on 30 June 1944. By this time, the Allies had established a firm foothold in Normandy. Operation Overlord also began on D-Day, continued until Allied forces crossed the River Seine on 19 August 1944.

John Jackson Thompson
~ Sept 2, 2019 ~
father of Ivor Thompson

Dorothy Graham & Shelley Graham
~ Oct 9, 2019 ~
mother & sister of
Rocky & Donna Graham

Our condolences to the families

First deployment of the 14th Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery

Our first attempt, to deploy the normal unit of four guns in the field role occurred immediately after debarkment; it should be recalled that our SPs [self-propelled guns] were carrying extra & unusual loads which temporarily rendered them clumsy in movement as well as critically vulnerable to enemy fire. It was necessary that every vehicle which came ashore be carrying a maximum load of everything which could aid the assault and our SPs had been pressed into service to help supply other arms. Slung between our tracks and secured by clevises to the front corners of the chassis was a wide steel "stone boat" about sixteen inches high, containing .303 rifle ammunition for the use of the infantry. While this grotesque device gave no great difficulty as long as the vehicle was moving straight ahead, backing up could be difficult and a sharp turn of the vehicle was virtually impossible.

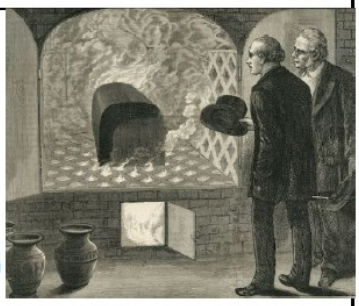
There was a further feature of this extra-loading that was infinitely more perilous & which was to cost us dearly that morning. On the rear decks over the motor compartments were lashed canvas-covered cases four feet high containing mortar bombs and land mines for the use of other arms.

It is frighteningly obvious that our SPs were highly lethal bombs if we encountered enemy fire before we could rid ourselves of these impediments. In the desperate emergencies of the moment and our haste to get clear of the beach and town no time or thought was given to relieve as of these deadly loads and it was in this awkward and perilous condition that we crossed the beach, made our cumbersome way through the breach in the sea-wall and moved through the town.

Continued in the Dec / Jan issue of this newsletter

October & November
is Hunting Season.
Please be mindful when walking outdoors in daylight or early evening.
Wear a lot of visible bright orange from waist up.

BE SAFE WEAR ORANGE



This picture was part of a digital newsletter sent to me by the Green-Wood Cemetery in New York; the same place where Irondale's Charles Pusey family is buried.

The title - *From Ancient Rome to Modern Practices:* ***A History of Cremation*** made me stop and wonder a number of questions like - What exactly is cremation? How does it work? How did it come to be a burial option? Since I can't be in New York , USA for Saturday's discussion - I've had to be content with a cursory look at what Wikipedia had.
Cremation is at least 17,000 years old and is a method of final disposition of a dead body through burning; leaving behind 'ashes that represent an average of 3.5% of the body's original mass. Factors (such as fat and muscle) in the body composition do not affect the weight of cremated remains. Women's ashes weigh close to 4 lb while men's ashes will weigh more than 6lb. I learned this is not actual ash but the unburnt fragments of bone ground down into powder.

These 'ashes' are placed in a container, which can be anything from a simple cardboard box to a decorative urn, and returned to the family. An official certificate of cremation accompanies the remains. The final disposition depends on the personal preferences of the deceased as well as their cultural and religious beliefs. They do not constitute a health risk and can be buried, kept by relatives or scattered in various ways. *(Check with local officials to be sure)*

Cremation may be the preferred choice for environmental reasons, though there is a lot of controversy about the methods etc. Those methods and materials are getting better all the time. Full body burials at the moment require embalming which requires chemicals, a casket made of various materials and a cement vault to hold the casket. All substances that are considered today to be harmful to the environment. What are your thoughts on the subject?

Departed Hunter - by Theo. Peacock

We'll 'Halloo' the cook from his down bed,
Long ere the break of dawn,
The hounds will bay in their couples,
The trail to hit upon;
We'll jump the buck in the thicket,
We'll shun the doe and the fawn,
But the hunt will never be the same,
'Cause John has gone …

He would cuss the laggard from his bed,
And he cussed the o'er-eager too,
He lectured the whole darn set-up,
Before the hunt was through.
But, to borrow a phrase from the showman,
The deer-hunt must go on.
We know 'twill never be the same,
'Cause John has gone …

He has gone on that long, long trail
To the land beyond the sun;
It's a trail we all must follow,
When our hunting days are done.
Perhaps I'm repetitious,
But the hunt, boys, must go on;
We know it won't be quite the same,
'Cause John has gone …

Theodore Rosevelt Peacock is a son of the soil and a poet of the wilds. Born in 1905, Theodore Peacock first saw the light of day on a backwoods farm at Fortescue, in Peterborough County……..
Theo's poetry is available in a book entitled 'Tales of the Trail', 1957 original copy by CKLY Lindsay, reprinted 1974 by Twp of Glamorgan. Thanks to Sue Buckingham for donating an original copy to BLCD.

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Oak		- Very dense - Hot-burning - Should season at least one year
Maple		- Difficult to split - Efficient, hot-burning - Should season at least one year
Cherry		- Burns at medium heat - Sweet burning aroma - Sparks a lot, doesn't produce lots of smoke
Birch		- Burns very quickly - Bright, hot-burning - Good firestarter
Pine		- High sap content - Burns messy - Don't use as your exlcusive firewood
Elm		- Very dense, hard wood - Difficult to split - Doesn't smell great as it burns
Chestnut		- Burns and splits easily - Burns at a low heat - Sparks a lot, heavy smoke

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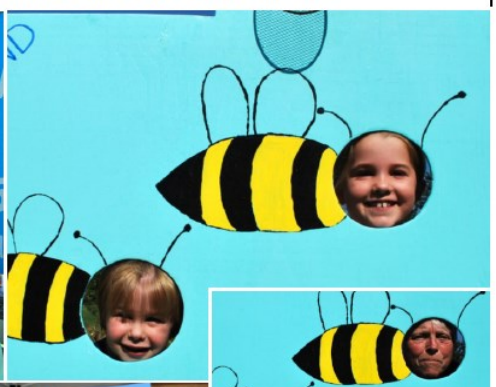
Harvest Festival (Sept 21) Snap Shots



A warm day brought people out for the 'Hike Haliburton' tour of the Iron Mine, vendors displaying their wares, children of all ages having pics taken as a bee, and all enjoyed the fabulous BBQ - the special fried onions are always a big hit.

HALIBURTON - The Tourists' Paradise with its 555 Named Lakes
Magnificent scenery, over 1300 ft. above sea level
Fishing Supreme

Those were the lines printed on the bottom of the *Registry Division Provisional County of Haliburton*'s letterhead. The letter is dated Nov. 27th 1939 (sic) Each piece of letterhead used in 1939 had the following printed on the back -

Some Facts About Haliburton

Haliburton County is often referred to as "The Highlands of Haliburton". Highlands is right.

A dictionary of altitudes shows that Haliburton County altitudes range from 1050 feet to 1400 feet above sea level. This it will be observed that Haliburton County is truly 'Highland", when compared with other parts of Ontario. Lake Ontario is but 243 feet above sea level, Lake Huron 581 feet, Lake Superior 602, Lake Nipissing 345 and Muskoka Lake 744 feet. Then come Haliburton 'the roof of Ontario" with the grand altitudes of from 1050 to 1400 feet.

When you stand on an eminence in Haliburton County, such as at Hall's Lake or the Lady Hughes' Estate, Eagle Lake, you look down on all the country for hundreds of miles, and are not less than 1400 feet above sea level.

Now you see why visitors to Haliburton Highlands at once remark on the cool freshness, invigorating and health restoring qualities of our air - its our 'Highland Altitude".

The Highlands of Haliburton with 555 lakes is truly a Mecca for tourists and has no equal for those who seek a Health Resort.

Haliburton County is only 110 miles (3 hour drive) north-east of Toronto, and is reached by a splendid new Provincial Highway passing through Lindsay and on through Coboconk, Minden, Haliburton, Dorset and other points, or reaching the southern and eastern section of the county through Fenelon Falls and Kinmount on to Irondale, Gooderham, Tory Hill, Wilberforce, Highland Grove, etc. These roads pass many beautiful lakes.

Modern Stores, Inns, Hotels, Service Stations and Villages dot the County at frequent intervals.

Come to this 'New Playground of America". Motor along among its many lakes of pure, sparkling water, bathe in them and feel their invigorating freshness impart the flush of health; fish in them for Trout, Bass, etc., and taste the delicious flavor of fish fresh hooked from "Highland Lakes", or roam in the cool, secluded, quiet places among the hardwoods, evergreens and silver birches for which Haliburton County is noted.

Choose your lake shore property NOW in "Beautiful Haliburton".

Lake lots, with beaches of golden sand, at very reasonable prices may be obtained from property owners in all parts of the Highlands.

Get your slice of Haliburton beauty this year, or you may be too late.

Glenda did another great job decorating for the Thanksgiving Service. George managed to find leaves still on branches despite the torrential rains that fell earlier that week.

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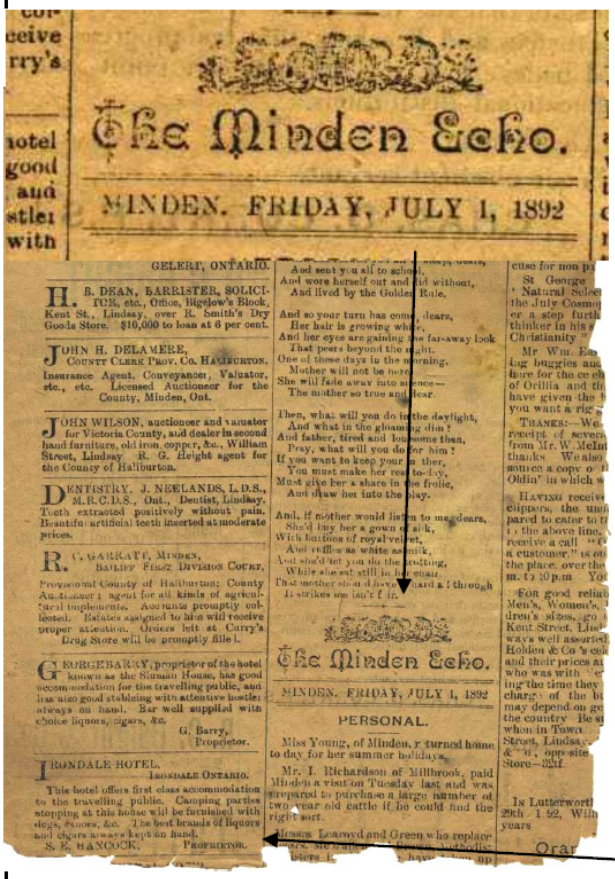

The Minden Echo.

MINDEN. FRIDAY, JULY 1, 1892

GELERT, ONTARIO.

H. B. DEAN, BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, etc., Otho, Bigelow's Block, Kent St., Lindsay, over R. Smith's Dry Goods Store. $10,000 to loan at 6 per cent.

JOHN H. DELAMERE, COUNTY CLERK PROV. CO. HALIBURTON. Insurance Agent, Conveyancer, Valuator, etc., etc. Licensed Auctioneer for the County, Minden, Ont.

JOHN WILSON, auctioneer and valuator for Victoria County, and dealer in second hand furniture, old iron, copper, &c., William Street, Lindsay. R. G. Haight agent for the County of Haliburton.

DENTISTRY. J. NEELANDS, L.D.S., M.R.C.D.S., Ont., Dentist, Lindsay. Teeth extracted positively without pain. Beautiful artificial teeth inserted at moderate prices.

R. C. GARRATT, MINDEN, BAILIFF FIRST DIVISION COURT, Provincial County of Haliburton; County Auctioneer; agent for all kinds of agricultural implements. Accounts promptly collected. Estates assigned to him will receive proper attention. Orders left at Curry's Drug Store will be promptly filled.

GEORGE BARRY, proprietor of the hotel known as the Sturgeon House, has good accommodation for the travelling public, and has also good stabling with attentive hostler always on hand. Bar well supplied with choice liquors, cigars, &c.

G. Barry, Proprietor.

IRONDALE HOTEL, IRONDALE ONTARIO.

This hotel offers first class accommodation to the travelling public. Camping parties stopping at this house will be furnished with dogs, canoes, &c. The best brands of liquors and cigars always kept on hand.

S. E. HANCOCK, PROPRIETOR.

And sent you all to school,
And wore herself out and did without,
And lived by the Golden Rule.

And so your turn has come, dears,
Her hair is growing white,
And her eyes are gaining the far-away look
That peers beyond the night.
One of these days in the morning,
Mother will not be here—
She will fade away into silence—
The mother so true and dear.

Then, what will you do in the daylight,
And what in the gloaming dim?
And father, tired and lonesome then,
Pray, what will you do for him?
If you want to keep your mother,
You must make her rest to-day,
Must give her a share in the frolic,
And draw her into the play.

And, if mother would listen to me, dears,
She'd buy her a gown of silk,
With buttons of royal velvet,
And ruffles as white as milk,
And she'd let you do the cooking,
While she sat still in her chair
That mother should never hear a thing
It strikes me isn't fair.

The Minden Echo.

MINDEN. FRIDAY, JULY 1, 1892

PERSONAL.

Miss Young, of Minden, returned home to-day for her summer holidays.

Mr. I. Richardson of Millbrook, paid Minden a visit on Tuesday last and was prepared to purchase a large number of two-year-old cattle if he could find the right sort.

Misses Learoyd and Green who replace Misses Mc[illegible] [illegible] have taken up

Orar

S. E. Hancock

Samuel Edward Hancock was born 1 Jan 1844 in Devonshire England; first of two children born to George Hancock and Betsy Murley. His mother died in 1846 at the age of 25. George married a second time to Mary Jordan. This couple added another ten children to the family.

Samuel immigrated from England to Canada about 1855 with his dad, step mom and six siblings. He married Margaret McCormick.

Samuel and Margaret had eight children; Mary-Jane, John Walter, Joseph Henry, Samuel Edward, William Fleming, Robert James, Wilfred Stanley and Elisabith V. Records indicate this family stayed Church of England (Anglican)

We find Samuel in Ontario census
- 1871 in Fenelon as a farm labourer
- 1881 in Snowden Township, farmer
- 1891 in Snowden Township, hotel keeper
- 1901 in Snowden Twonship, farmer
- 1911 in Gelert Village, listed as a farmer

Samuel died 2 Mar 1917 and is buried in the 'old' section of the Kinmount Community Cemetery

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Canadian Flag

The Bark Lake Cultural Developments was recently gifted a souvenir sized flag as you see below. It was neatly rolled up and in a hard plastic see thru case. I was advised that school children in Toronto area schools was given one of these in the early 1960s. Story goes that children were given one of two different flags to take home—likely to encourage the parents to vote for that version.

My research indicates this could have been the intent. The Canadian Flag we know today is the result of many contributions over a century. As they say 'Rome wasn't built in a day'. The process of choosing a design was a very long one that stirred national debate.

In 1895 Edward Chadwick, a heraldry enthusiast, made a recommendation to the Canadian government, that Canada should have their own flag featuring a maple leaf. Thirty years later a committee was struck to research possible designs; again nothing decided.

1946 a similar committee was made. Again after more than 2,600 designs were received - no decision was made. Early in 1964, Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson introduced the idea again - adopt a distinctive national flag. A Senate and House of Commons committee was given the task of calling for submissions. The Maple Leaf and colours red and white have been a recurring them.

Three finalists were chosen.

Major General Eugene Fiset first suggested a single red leaf on a white background in 1919; after all Canadian Olympic athletes had been using that design since 1904.

Naval Capt, Alan Beddoe

Dr. George Stanley

The National Flag of Canada—as we know it today—was proclaimed by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 28 Jan 1965 and raised for the first time on Parliament Hill on 15 Feb 1965.

** *The combination of red, white and red first appeared on the ribbon of the Canadian General Service Medal issued between 1866 and 1871. In 1921, red and white were proclaimed Canada's national colours by King George V.*

SYLVAN SHORE
KATE HALL & ANDREW VON ZUBEN

ERIC CASPER

Sept 28 Concert

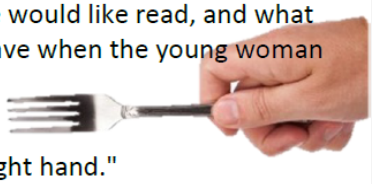
A small but appreciative crowd gathered in Irondale's historic church to enjoy original music.

Kate Hall and Andrew von Zuben brought their Sylvan Shore Small Halls of Haliburton County Tour to Irondale. Kate's talking pieces were especially descriptive.

Special Guest Eric Casper performed solo for the first time that night. He has a rich voice and great lyrics.

Food for Thought *Was passed to me as a Facebook post - really resonated with me, thought I would pass it on.*

There was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things 'in order,' she contacted her Pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. Everything was in order and the Pastor was preparing to leave when the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her.



"There's one more thing," she said excitedly. "What's that?" came the Pastor's reply.
"This is very important," the young woman continued. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand."
The Pastor stood looking at the young woman, not knowing quite what to say. "That surprises you, doesn't it?" the young woman asked. "Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the Pastor.

The young woman explained. "My grandmother once told me this story, and from that time on I have always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending socials and dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, "Keep your fork." It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming .... like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance! So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder... "What's with the fork?" I want you to tell them: "Keep your fork ... the best is yet to come."

The Pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young woman good-bye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the young woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice her age, with twice as much experience and knowledge. She KNEW that something better was coming. At the funeral people were walking by the young woman's casket and they saw the cloak she was wearing and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the Pastor heard the question, "What's with the fork?" And over and over he smiled.

During his message, the Pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the young woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. He told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either.

The next time you reach down for your fork let it remind you, ever so gently, that the best is yet to come.

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Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. Cherish the time you have, and the memories you share. Being friends with someone is not an opportunity, but a sweet responsibility.

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~ Irondale Calendar of Events ~

Hang this page on your refrigerator or next to your calendar so you don't miss out!

2019	Unless otherwise noted - Tickets available online at www.IrondaleOntario.ca or call/text 705-457-8438
Sat Nov 9	**Themed Dinner** held at the Irondale Community Centre. Dinner served from 5 pm til 7pm as long as supplies last. $20 pp Menu - Comfort Foods Chicken & Dumplings, Beef Stew, Vegetarian Chili, Grilled Corn & Spaghetti Squash, Mac & Cheese, Pea Soup, Homemade Bread, Cheesecake & Danish, *You certainly shouldn't go away hungry!*
Sun Nov 24	Christmas Sale at the Minden Community Centre. Drop by - check out the many locally handmade items and drop by the kitchen for bowl of chili, sandwich or delicious dessert items. 11am - 5pm *Kitchen proceeds support Irondale's history.*
Sat. Feb 22	**Themed Dinner** held at the Irondale Community Centre. Dinner served from 5 pm til 7pm as long as supplies last. Menu - Enjoy traditional Portuguese dishes $20 pp *Guest Chefs will prepare these dishes.*
2020	
Sat. April 11	**Wilberforce Maplefest** Event All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast and lots of shopping with the local vendor tables. 9 am to 2 pm. Wilberforce Community Centre, in the heart of Wilberforce.
Sat. April 18	**Fish 'N Fowl Dinner** held at the Gooderham Community Centre. Doors open 5pm. Dinner at 6pm. Fish, turkey, potatoes, vegetables, salad & dessert. Loonie auction action after dessert. $20 pp
Sun. June 7	**First Church Service -** visiting Minister expected. 10 am. Come as you are. **Book Nook Opening -** 11 am to 1 pm - no charge so help yourself to refreshments, books, videos, puzzles …
Sat. July 4 or 11	**Concert on the Lake** - Great music from the comfort of your own boat, canoe or paddleboard. Music starts at 6:30pm Check *www.sdlca.ca* for more details.
Sat. July 18	**Wild Game Dinner** - Popular dinner, held at the Gooderham Community Centre. Doors open 5pm, buffet at 6pm. All game served as bite size pieces, you can sample it all. Remember bring loonies for after dinner fun. PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION FOR THIS DINNER
Sat. Aug 1 **Sun. Aug 2**	Salerno Devil's Lake Cottage Association's AGM 10 am at the Irondale Community Centre Salerno Devil's Lake Cottage Association's Canoe Race, BBQ and Children's Games check www.sdlca.ca for more details.

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